

Amend CSSB 1017 by adding the following appropriately numbered sections to the bill and renumbering subsequent sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 157.901, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(d) A county official sued by the county with which the official serves for an action arising from the performance of public duty is entitled to have the commissioners count of the county employ and pay private counsel to represent the official.

(e) A county official may sue the commissioners court if necessary to receive representation under Subsection (b-1). If the official prevails in the suit, the official is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees incurred in receiving the representation.

(f) A private attorney employed under this section may sue the county if necessary to collect payment due under this section. If the attorney prevails in the suit, the attorney is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees incurred in collecting the payment.

SECTION _____. The change in law made by Section 157.901, Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only in relation to a suit under that section that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit that is filed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the suit was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.